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FOR INR/RNA AND AF/W

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, PLO  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION ABROAD

REF: STATE 091578

1. MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM)HCCORDS PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN NOUAKCHOTT FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DIPLOMATIC PRECEDENCE LIST INCLUDES REP IN SPECIAL CATEGORY ENTITLED "REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" AFTER AMBASSADORS AND PERMANENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES SECTION, BUT BEFORE SECTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNDP AND EUORPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. PLO OFFICE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN MID-1960S AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TOMAURITANIA, IS STAFFED BY ONE FULL-TIME REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE PART-TIME ASSSISTANT. ASSISTANT IS TEACHER IN LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM WHO, WHILE NOT HAVING OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC STATUS, DOES REPRESENT PLO AT DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS WHEN REP IS OUT OF TOWN. NO OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAVE REPRESENTATION IN MAURITANIA.

2. LOCAL PLO REP, ABOU ISSAM, IS RATHER DISAGREEABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEENPARTICULARLY RUDE TO US AND EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS PLO ORGANIZED ANTI-EGYPTIAN DEMONSTRATION IN NOVEMBER 1977  
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(77 NOUAKCHOTT 2726) AND ANTI- ISRAELI DEMONSTRATION IN MID-MARCH 1978(NOOUAKCHOTT 745). COPY APRIL 10, 1978 DCM TO AF/W DESK OFFICER OFFICIAL-INFORMAL LETER WHICH DISCUSSES LOCAL PLO OFFICE WILL BE POUCHED INR/RNA APRIL 17. LOCAL PALESTINIAN POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 70-80. PLO OFFICE ISSUES MONTHLY BULLETIN REP IS SAID TO REPRESENT SESENTIALLY FATAH AND BE IDEOLOGICALLY CLOSE TO IRAQI REJECTIONIEST POLITICAL POSITION.

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